AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract of the specification as follows:

A catheter for a medical apparatus ~~comprising:~~ includes an inner catheter ~~(100) having a distal end and a proximal end;~~ and a sheath ~~(202) of polymer material, having a distal end and a proximal end,~~ disposed around at least a portion of the inner catheter, ~~said~~ the sheath ~~being~~ retractable in a proximal direction relative to the inner catheter to perform an actuating step, ~~at the distal end of the system, by the application of an endwise tensile stress to the proximal end of the sheath, characterized in that:~~ the inner catheter ~~resists the associated~~ configured to resist radially-inward contraction of the sheath ~~which arises~~ arising from the applied tensile stress during ~~said~~ the actuating step.

Please amend the detailed description of the specification as follows:

[0057] At the distal end of the sheath, on an inner surface, there is a radiopaque marker band 204 for determining the location of the distal end of the surgical apparatus during insertion through a body lumen using visualizing means such as radioscopy. The pusher element flange portion 120 functions as a further radiopaque marker band located at the proximal end of the stent bed. When the sheath is retracted, complete retraction is observable by the radiopaque marker band 204 on the distal end of the sheath 202 aligning with the radiopaque marker band ~~130~~ 120 at the distal end of the wire coil 110.